

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 15, 16, 26, and 53 through 83 are pending, with Claims 15, 26, 53, 66, 69, 71, 78, 81, 82, and 83 being independent

The specification has been amended to insert the priority cross-reference set forth on the attached copy of the Official Filing Receipt, and Applicants respectfully believe that no fee or petition is required, under the practice of MPEP 201.11.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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